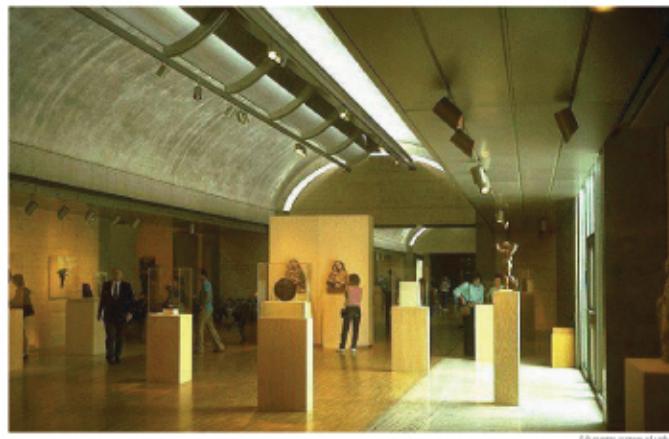
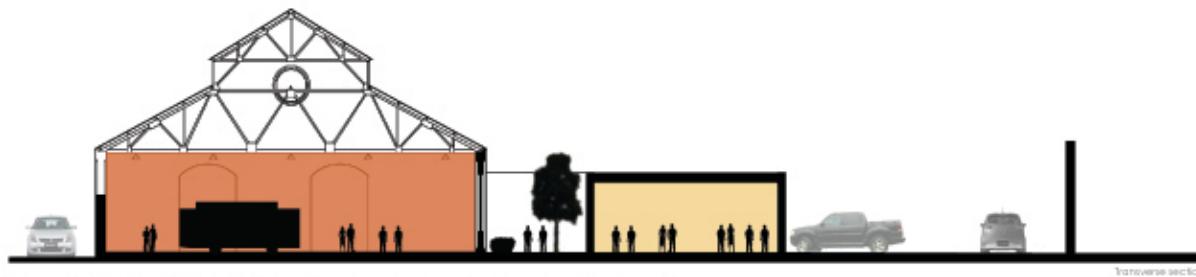
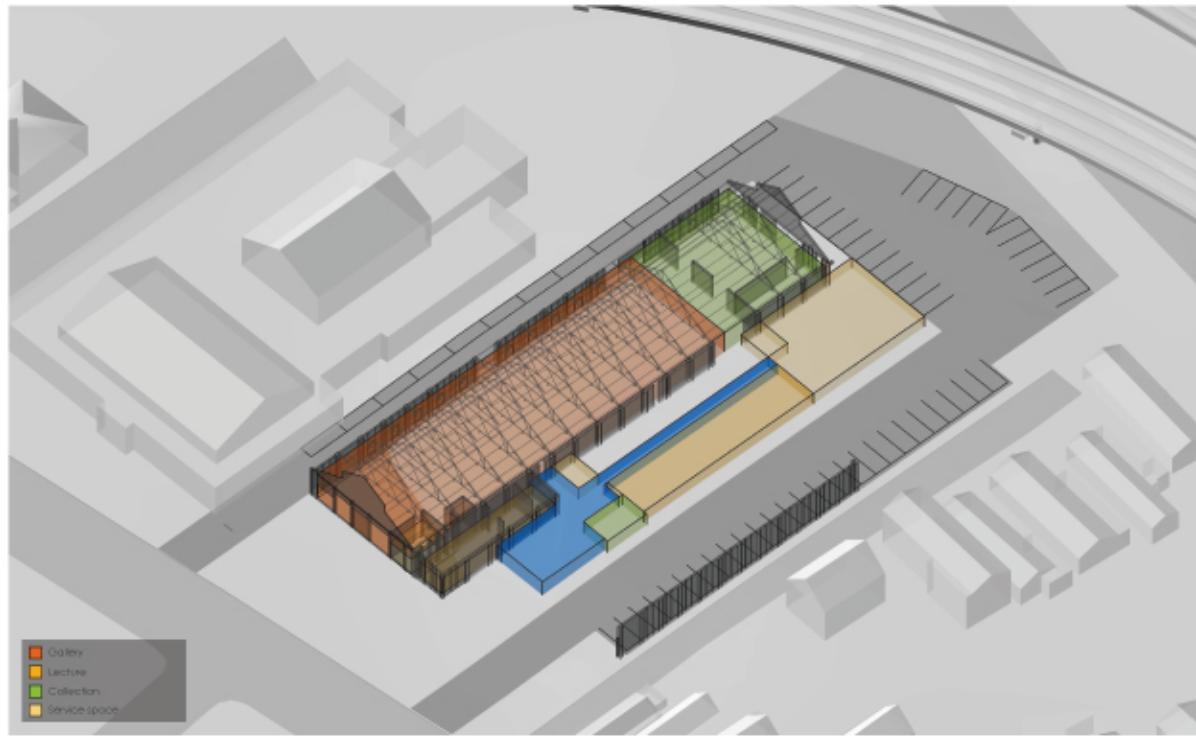


# Development Option 7: Museum



A museum would be a City and regional use. It's compatibility with the Trolley Barn is dependent on finding a matching proportion of gallery and support spaces to the existing complex, and on matching the light qualities of the space to the museum in question (darkened galleries or those needing only artificial light would be incompatible).

While the site offers high visibility and easy access, both useful to a museum, the location is far from similar cultural destinations and the commercial enterprises that support them. Unlike some uses, the components of a museum need to congregate in one connected complex and thus are not suited to dispersal among various buildings around a site.

## Key Issues and Strategies:

- Buffer the Pointsette neighborhood from traffic and exterior activity.
- Find a suitable proportion of open space to support space that supports and preserves the Trolley Barn's architectural qualities.
- Create a strong attraction for the new museum from Meeting Street.
- Gather sufficient space in one complex while solving the drainage problems that contributed to the deterioration of the existing complex.

## Advantages

- A small regional museum of just the right size and character can well utilize the 1897 Barn.
- The unique volume of the Trolley Barn is suited to a gallery space (provided natural light is acceptable).
- Would serve as a catalyst for related and supporting uses to move to this area.
- Public access is given to this significant historic building.
- The historic building attracts visitors to the museum.
- Trolley Barn's high visibility and distinctive profile are suited to this use.
- Public use and public access given to this historic building.

## Disadvantages

- High development cost to low/medium return.

## Program

Site square feet	78,900
Building square feet	26,000
Parking square feet	
Number of spots needed	78
Number of spots available	82

